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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2815

Introduced by Assembly Member O'Donnell

February 19, 2016

An act to amend Sections 48240, 48242, and 48244 of the Education Code, relating to pupil attendance.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2815, as amended, O'Donnell. Pupil attendance: supervisors of attendance.

Existing law requires the board of education of any school district and of any county to appoint a supervisor of attendance and any assistant supervisors of attendance as may be necessary to supervise the attendance of pupils in the district or county, and requires the board to prescribe the duties of the supervisor of attendance and assistant supervisors of attendance in accordance with specified provisions. Existing law authorizes a school district, with the approval of the county board of education, to contract with the county superintendent of schools for the supervision of attendance of pupils in the school district.

This bill would delete the requirement that a county board of education approve a contract between a school district and the county superintendent of schools for the supervision of attendance of pupils in the school district. The bill would express the Legislature's intent that a supervisor of attendance perform specified functions, and would authorize the supervisor of attendance to provide support services and

interventions, as provided. The bill would also make nonsubstantive changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 48240 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 48240. (a) The governing board of each school district and
4 each county superintendent of schools shall appoint a supervisor
5 of attendance and any assistant supervisors of attendance as may
6 be necessary to supervise the attendance of pupils in the school
7 district or county. The governing board of the school district or
8 county superintendent of schools shall prescribe the duties of the
9 supervisor of attendance and assistant supervisors of attendance
10 to include, among other duties that may be required, those specific
11 duties related to compulsory full-time education, truancy, work
12 permits, compulsory continuation education, and opportunity
13 schools, classes, and programs, now required of the attendance
14 supervisors by this chapter and Article 4 (commencing with Section
15 48450) of Chapter 3 and Article 2 (commencing with Section
16 ~~48630~~ 48640) of Chapter 4 of this part.

17 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that in performing his or
18 her duties, the supervisor of attendance ~~shall promote~~ *promotes* a
19 culture of attendance and ~~establish~~ *establishes* a system to
20 accurately track pupil attendance in order to achieve all of the
21 following:

22 (1) Raise the awareness of school personnel, parents, guardians,
23 caregivers, community partners, and local businesses of the effects
24 of chronic absenteeism and truancy and other challenges associated
25 with poor attendance.

26 (2) Identify and respond to grade level or pupil subgroup patterns
27 of chronic absenteeism or truancy.

28 (3) Identify and address factors contributing to chronic
29 absenteeism and habitual truancy, including suspension and
30 expulsion.

31 (4) Ensure that pupils with attendance problems are identified
32 as early as possible to provide applicable support services and
33 interventions.

1 (5) Evaluate the effectiveness of strategies implemented to
2 reduce chronic absenteeism rates and truancy rates.

3 (c) The supervisor of attendance may provide support services
4 and interventions, which may include, but are not limited to, any
5 or all of the following:

6 (1) A conference between school personnel, the pupil's parent
7 or guardian, and the pupil.

8 (2) Promoting cocurricular and extracurricular activities that
9 increase pupil connectedness to school, such as tutoring, mentoring,
10 the arts, service learning, or athletics.

11 (3) Recognizing pupils who achieve excellent attendance or
12 demonstrate significant improvement in attendance.

13 (4) Referral to a school nurse, school counselor, school
14 psychologist, school social worker, and other pupil support
15 personnel for case management and counseling.

16 (5) Collaboration with child welfare services, law enforcement,
17 courts, public health care agencies, or government agencies, or
18 medical, mental health, and oral health care providers to receive
19 necessary services.

20 (6) Collaborating with school study teams, guidance teams,
21 school attendance review teams, or other intervention-related teams
22 to assess the attendance or behavior problem in partnership with
23 the pupil and his or her parents, guardians, or caregivers.

24 (7) In schools with significantly higher rates of chronic
25 absenteeism, identify barriers to attendance that may require
26 schoolwide strategies rather than case management.

27 (8) Referral for a comprehensive psychosocial or
28 psychoeducational assessment, including for purposes of creating
29 an individualized education program for an individual with
30 exceptional needs, as that term is defined in Section 56026, or plan
31 adopted for a qualified handicapped person, as that term is defined
32 in regulations promulgated by the United States Department of
33 Education pursuant to Section 504 of the federal Rehabilitation
34 Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. Sec. 794).

35 (9) Referral to a school attendance review board established by
36 the county or by a school district pursuant to Section 48321 or to
37 the probation department pursuant to Section 48263.

38 (10) Referral to a truancy mediation program operated by the
39 county's district attorney or probation officer pursuant to Section
40 48260.6.

1 SEC. 2. Section 48242 of the Education Code is amended to
2 read:

3 48242. The governing board of a school district may appoint
4 a school district supervisor of attendance to act under the direction
5 of the county supervisor of attendance.

6 SEC. 3. Section 48244 of the Education Code is amended to
7 read:

8 48244. A school district may contract with the county
9 superintendent of schools for the supervision of attendance of
10 pupils in the school district. The county superintendent of schools
11 shall transfer from the funds of the school district to the county
12 school service fund an amount equal to the actual cost of providing
13 for the supervision of attendance.